Programme and project proposals for Rs. 7553.28 crore are invarious stages of execution. The World Bank have agreed in principle to the Government's request for providing financial assistance to the PMGSY and have commenced work on Preliminary Studies in this regard.

Implementation of EAS in Andhra Pradesh

146. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) is under implementation in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the mandays created in the State during the last two years, year-wise and number of persons benefited during the said period, district-wise;

(c) whether any shortcomings were noticed in the implementation of the scheme in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action being taken to rectify them ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR) : (a) The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) was in operation in all the rural Districts of the Country till 24th September, 2001 as an independent Scheme and from 25th September, 2001 to 31st March, 2002, it was implemented as a part of the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY). From 1st April, 2002, the EAS stands fully merged with SGRY.

(b) The physical performance of the EAS was monitored in terms of mandays generation and not in terms of number of persons benefited. Information, therefore, with regard to persons benefited under the EAS the district level was not available. Mandays created in the last two years under the EAS in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as under :

Year	Mandays created (In lakh)
2000-2001	111.32
2001-2002	159.45

(c) and (d) No major shortcomings were noticed in the Scheme. However, to generate more additional mandays and provide food security to the rural

poor, the Scheme was merged with the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) with higher allocation of funds and fresh allocation of foodgrains.

Progress of IWDP in Andhra Pradesh

147. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of Integrated Wastelands Development Project (IWDP) in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details of results achieved under IWDP in the State so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL) : (a) Since 1995-96, 38 watershed development projects have been sanctioned under Intergrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) for Andhra Pradesh for the treatment of about 3.68 lakh ha. at a total cost of about Rs. 178.73 crore. Each project is of five years duration and funds are released in 7 instalments. So far, the Central Government have released Rs. 58.41 crore for these projects. Four projects have already been completed and others are at various stages of implementation.

In the current financial year (2002-03), 11 districts *viz* Nizamabad, Nellore (2 projects), Karimnagar, Visakhapatnam, Warangal, Khammam, Vizianagaram, Adilabad, Cuddapah, Medak and Chittoor have been prioritized for sanction of IWDP projects out of which, 2 projects for Nellore District have already been sanctioned.

(b) The results achieved under IWDP in the state are furnished below :

Additional area brought under cultivation	47181 ha.
Area brought under afforestation	39633 ha.
Area brought under Horticulture	20562 ha.
No. of farmers benefited	78193
Additional income accrued to small and marginal farmers	Rs. 526.54 lakh
Mandays generated	24.59 lakh days